

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2015 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/HB 279 — Pharmacy

by Health Innovation Subcommittee; and Rep. Pigman and others (CS/SB 792 by Health Policy Committee and Senator Bean)

The bill authorizes a registered pharmacy intern to administer certain immunizations or vaccines to adults under the supervision of a pharmacist who is certified to administer vaccines when the intern is acting within the framework of a protocol under a supervising physician. A registered intern who administers an immunization or vaccine must be supervised by a certified pharmacist at a ratio of one pharmacist to one registered intern. Prior to administering vaccines, a pharmacy intern will need to obtain certification which is based on at least 20 hours of coursework that has been approved by the Board of Pharmacy.

The bill also expands the specified list of vaccines that a pharmacist may administer, which may also be administered by a registered intern. This includes immunizations or vaccines listed in schedules established by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for adults or international travel, any additional updates to those lists which are authorized by rules of the Board of Pharmacy, and immunizations or vaccines approved by the board in response to a state of emergency declared by the Governor.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2015.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 112-2